ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP SLIGHTLY FROM LAST YEAR

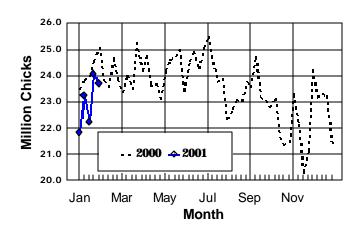
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.7 million during the week ending February 3, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2000, but 2 percent below the previous week, and included 2.7 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through February 3, 2001 were 115.0 million, down 5 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 23.6 million, down 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and 2 percent below the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.1 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 81.6 percent.

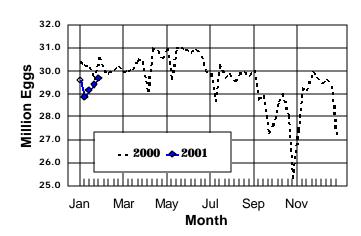
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending February 3, 2001, down 1 percent from the same period last year, but 1 percent above the previous week.

	NET PL	ACEME	NTS	CHICK	S HATCI	HED	EGGS SET			
Week Ending	99-00	00-01	% Change	99-00	00-01	% Change	99-00	00-01	% Change	
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Dec. 30	20,469	21,286	104	25,118	23,577	94	30,320	27,110	89	
Jan. 6	24,005	21,817	91	25,430	23,608	93	30,205	29,608	98	
Jan. 13	24,581	23,255	95	25,232	23,689	94	29,653	28,905	97	
Jan. 20	25,127	22,229	88	25,132	22,086	88	30,636	29,167	95	
Jan. 27	23,841	24,055	101	25,051	24,010	96	29,971	29,413	98	
Feb. 3	23,588	23,683	100	24,709	23,577	95	29,942	29,702	99	

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2000 - 2001



EGGS SET, 2000 - 2001



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2000 - 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)							CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/	Week Ending						1/	
STATE	13-Jan	20 - Jan	27-Jan	03-Feb	%	30-Dec	06-Jan	13-Jan	20-Jan	27 - Jan	03-Feb	%	
Alabama	28,318 *	27,528	27,742	27,673	96	19,783	21,244	21,435	20,726	20,586	21,040	102	
ARKANSAS	28,905	29,167	29,413	29,702	99	21,286	21,817	23,255	22,229	24,055	23,683	100	
Delaware	4,021	4,118	3,875	3,974	92	5,520	4,691	4,973	4,540	5,423	4,982	86	
Florida	2,585	2,499	2,486	2,489	95	2,486	2,373	2,402	2,340	2,236	2,300	102	
Georgia	31,007 *	30,628	30,413	30,517	97	24,312	24,353	24,214	24,653	24,407 *	24,229	99	
Maryland	8,448	8,679	8,306	8,205	106	4,253	5,690	5,193	5,646	4,906	5,702	115	
Mississippi	18,144	18,100	17,938	17,916	103	15,167	15,240	15,339	14,870	15,193	15,290	100	
N. Carolina	17,973 *	17,903	17,504	17,866	108	13,270	14,383	14,634	14,466	13,727	14,658	107	
Pennsylvania	3,500	3,515	3,643	3,826	115	2,471	2,596	2,709	2,541	2,763	2,687	98	
S. Carolina	4,737	4,832	4,661	4,934	103	3,957	3,793	3,836	4,058	4,229	4,160	98	
Texas	14,380	14,412	14,475	13,990	99	11,648	11,328	11,285	11,345	11,180	11,106	99	
Virginia	6,409	6,481	6,591	6,582	105	5,171	5,204	5,254	5,273	5,322	4,758	89	
CATN & W VA	11,302 *	11,610 *	11,180	11,387	101	9,382	10,136	9,341 *	9,587 *	9,940	10,255	101	
Total 2000-2001	179,729 *	179,472 *	178,227	179,061		138,706	142,848	143,870 *	142,274 *	143,967 *	144,850		
Total 1999-2000	180,679	181,734	179,169	178,533		144,382	144,090	144,745	145,179	145,644	144,326		
% PREV. YEAR	99	99	99	100		96	99	99	98	99	100		
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2001							24-Feb	03-Mar	10-Mar	17-Mar	24-Mar		

^{*} Revised .

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 179 million eggs during the week ending February 3, 2001. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 145 million chicks for meat production during the week ending Feburary 3, 2001. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through February 3, 2001 were 718 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

^{1/} Current week as percent of the same week last year.